

## BRIDGE OVER WHITE RIVER, IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

APRIL 15, 1884.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DUNN, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

### REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 6264.]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6264) "to authorize the Arkansas Midland Railroad Company to build a bridge over White River, in the State of Arkansas," have had the same under consideration, and report it back without amendment and unanimously recommend its passage.

The bill is drawn strictly in conformity with the recommendations of the War Department, which were made after careful examinations made by the Army Engineers in charge of all the public works in Arkansas and upon the White River, and reports made by them thereon to the Secretary of War and by him submitted to the House of Representatives during the Forty-seventh Congress.

It is provided that the company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings of the bridge and a map of the location, the topography of the banks of the river, shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the currents at all stages, soundings, &c.; and until the plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be built. It is also provided that no bridge shall be built under authority of this act which shall at any time substantially or materially obstruct the free navigation of the river.

In case of such obstruction appearing, the Secretary of War is authorized to cause such changes or alterations to be made at the company's expense as will obviate the difficulty, or, if necessary, to cause its total removal.

Finally, the right to "alter, amend, or repeal this act" is reserved to Congress. All of which is respectfully submitted.

